

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2007.

I. Summary of the Office Action

Prior to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2007, claims 35-103 were pending. Claims 35-52 and 72-102 were withdrawn in the response filed December 15, 2006, in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement. In the Office Action mailed March 9, 2007, the Specification was objected to as containing various informalities in the "CROSS-REFERENCES" section. Claims 53 and 103 were objected to due to an informality. Claims 53, 71, and 103 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendments

The present Response amends Claims 53, 71 and 103, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration Claims 53-71 and 103. Reconsideration of the Application as amended is respectfully requested.

III. Specification

In the Office Action mailed March 9, 2007, the Specification was objected to due to informalities. The present Response hereby amends the Specification so as to update the "CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section. Applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, the Specification no longer contains the above informalities and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

IV. Claim Objections

In the Office Action mailed March 9, 2007, Claims 53 and 103 were objected to as containing an informality. More specifically, Claims 53 and 103 previously recited the term "core component" which would be better recited as "core components." The present Response hereby

amends Claims 53 and 103 for purposes of clarity. Applicant respectfully submits that as amended, Claims 53 and 103 no longer contain the above informality and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

V. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action mailed March 9, 2007, Claims 53, 71, and 103 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically the claim limitation “wherein the focal group and the customized group comprise...” was interpreted as reciting what is expected to happen, a desired result or an intended use under MPEP § 2111.04.

The present Response hereby amends Claims 53, 71 and 103 so as to more clearly define the embodiments therein, in accordance with Examiner’s suggestions. Applicant respectfully submits that as amended, Claims 53, 71 and 103 now comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 54-70

Claims 54-70 were rejected as depending from an independent claim. These claims are not addressed separately, but it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable as depending from an allowable independent claim, and further in view of the comments provided above.

It is also submitted that these claims also add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue these limitations should it become necessary in the future.

V. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and consideration thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any inquiries.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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